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Taking WorldWide by Storm

By Matthew McCann
Contributing Writer

Dr. Melanie Storms wants students on campus to know that Saint Leo University has over 10,000 students that aren't a part of everyday campus life. These students attend Saint Leo through the WorldWide program.

Storms is a brand new vice president at Saint Leo as well as the vice president of WorldWide. She and her staff are a dedicated team that oversee and administrate over the WorldWide program.

"Think of WorldWide as everything that's not on campus," Storms said. "Think of campus as one part of Saint Leo, and WorldWide is everything that isn't on campus."

Her job is to give operational oversight to all of the locations that the thousands of off-campus students attend. Just like Storms, WorldWide is new this year.

"The reason for bringing this all together is so that the WorldWide student has the opportunity to be very flexible and move between any of our learning formats," Storms said.

Storms earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Central Florida and went on to earn her master's and doctoral degrees in psychology at Walden University. She's been in higher education for 18 years, and she has been in administration for 15 of those years.

She ran and administrated a college of health sciences and a college of social and behavioral sciences at Walden University, an online university. She has always worked with adult learners and the non-traditional student, so she believes that makes her a perfect fit for her position. She values community and excellence in everything.

"If you keep those two things central to everything you do, the rest all falls into line," Storms said.

Storms has two children, and she enjoys taking care of them outside of work, as well as watching sports and writing. She hopes to bring a consistent experience to students off campus from center to center, so that students can experience Saint Leo in the same way, no matter where they go. Her job isn't going to be easy, but Storms is more than prepared to overcome any obstacle and unite Saint Leo WorldWide.

Photo courtesy of University Communications

Dr. Melanie Storms is excited to start a new chapter of her life at Saint Leo. She's looking forward to helping students make their time at college easy and fun.

Aquaponics: A New Way of Going Green

By Stephen Skipper
Contributing Writer

Many people today are tired of the constant supply of processed and packaged food and are looking for new and green ways to provide their own food. One such method can be found right across the street from Saint Leo at the Holy Name Monastery.

The Benedictine Sisters are using an aquaponics system to grow their own food. Headed up by Sister Miriam Cosgrove, Aquaponics is a fresh and innovative system that integrates plants and fish in a way that is respectful to the Earth.

Aquaponics involves waste generated by fish, tilapia in this case, being changed into nutrients to help enrich water and to help grow various produce through a pipe system that runs underneath the roots. No chemicals or dyes are used, just nutrient-rich water.

Photo by Stephen Skipper

The water in this pod goes through a system of pipes to enrich the roots of the plants.

Sister Miriam even says that the excess food from the monastery is made into compost to aid in growing produce. Sister Miriam has been running this system for the past two years with just her own two hands and the gracious help of some select volunteers. A handful of Saint Leo students have even been involved.

"It was an interesting experience to see the program grow and it was a lot of fun," said Megan Vila, a junior.

Some of the produce grown at the monastery includes basic crops, such as tomatoes and carrots, but there is more variety in peanuts and papaya and even herbs, like mint and basil.

Not only is Aquaponics rewarding in its yield, but it is quite easy as well. A common cow takes 16 pounds of food a day to feed while tilapia only needs less than two pounds a year. In addition, all the food is natural and fresh.

"Aquaponics represents values of life I love," said Sister Miriam. "Nothing is impossible for those who make it all happen."

Sister Miriam is always looking for new volunteers to become engaged and train in Aquaponics. For more information, contact the Holy Name Monastery at (352) 588-8320 or email them at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu.

Editorial

Should Schools Put Tracking Devices in Student ID Cards?

By Niclas Bez
Contributing Writer

Some public schools in the United States have started to put tracking devices in Student ID cards. This tracking system has the ability to make it safer for campus security and local police to find students if they go missing or are kidnapped.

On the other side, students are not very supportive of this plan because they do not feel comfortable being tracked and watched all the time. A Texas high school even tried to suspend a student for refusing to wear an ID tag due to religious reasons.

Schools all around the U.S. are considering giving each student smart ID cards. Smart ID cards are simply normal IDs with trackers imbeded in them which help schools track and locate each student if need be. This idea affects students all around the country. Putting trackers in student IDs takes a certain amount of students' freedom away and makes them feel as if they are not responsible enough to take care of themselves.

Schools are only responsible for students during school hours. They should not be able to access the students' locations outside of their campuses because that could be considered an infringement on the their privacy.

"The technology was easy to acquire, meaning people outside a school might be able to screen a student if they got the student's special following number," said Matthew Simpson, policy strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas in an interview with the New York Times. "These tags are always on and there is no off switch on these things. With a mobile phone you can use the option to use your tracker, however, this can turn the phone off."

Schools should not put trackers in student ID cards simply because of the fact that they are students, not detainees. Taking away their freedom might cause students to rebel. Also, it raises the question of who will get access to the tracking data. Will it be teachers, parents, or simply the campus security officers and the local police? In a time when students are trying to gain freedom by slowly breaking away from their parents, a tracking device could ruin that aspect of their lives. Additionally, many parents are very controlling and could potentially abuse the tracking data if they are given access to it.

"Schools, of all places, should be teaching children how to participate in a free democratic society, not molding them to be followed like cattle. Districts planning to use RFID should prop themselves for a parent backlash, protests, and lawsuits," said Simpson. "We're concerned that students could leave the tags in school and then leave. The technology was originally designed for shipping products and for cows. It was never intended for people."

Also, students often lose ID cards. So, in the event that a student drops their ID card in the street or even in their school's hallways, the tracker would become ineffective.

Schools are only responsible for students during school hours. However, in the event that they have their IDs on them outside of school, they can be tracked and found which invades their privacy.

A representative of the Florida Senate's trade and government oversight committees stated that they're not opposed to technology; however, their concern is the hacking of data held by governments and businesses.

It's a two sided argument. On one side, a tracking device imbeded in student IDs would be a great help to parents, teachers, and security staff and has the ability to make students' lives safer. On the other hand, there is the threat of the system being hacked and the tracking data being abused. Also, many students are opposed to being controlled and monitored wherever they go.

If a student voluntarily chooses to be tracked for safety reasons by their parents, they can install applications on their smart phones that offer those services. However, a tracking device in student ID cards should be a voluntary option and not something forced upon students. In high schools and colleges, students should be able to grow up and get out of an environment where they are constantly controlled.

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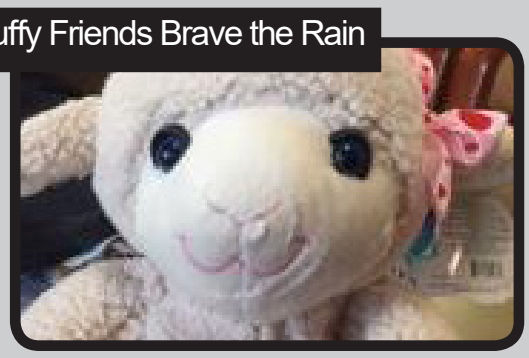

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On Sept. 13, Saint Leo hosted another Stuff-a-Plush event where students, staff, and faculty could pick out a stuffed toy and fill it with the stuffing provided to them.

Alpha Phi Alpha Cleans Up

Photo by Wakens Leonard

Alpha Phi Alpha hosted a community service event where students could volunteer to clean up SR 52, which had been adopted through the Adopt-A-Highway program. To learn more about how the day went, head online.

Decorating Your Dorm

Photo by Kadyann Stupart

Here is an article that shows off how to add liveliness, color, and style to dorm rooms. One suggestion is to match the decorations with a specific theme. To find out more ways to decorate, check out the full article.

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Campus News

ARLE Provides Students with Real-World Immersion and Simulation Experience

By Jonah Robertson
Editor-In-Chief

Last year the University implemented an interactive learning mechanism known as the Alternative Reality Learning Experience, or the ARLE. The ARLE simulated an election, and was very successful, with many students actively participating. Because of this success, the University has decided to make the simulation larger this year.

This year there will be two separate ARLE events. One, titled *The Presidency* will keep the political inspiration of the previous year, while the other, titled the *Trial of the Century*, focuses on a fictional criminal case. Both simulations will feature many different departments and programs across campus. The purpose behind these simulations is to allow students to start using the skills they have learned in college in a way that is closely related to the professional world.

According to Mr. Frank Orlando, instructor of political science, the ARLE features more than 100 students this year, which is an increase from the past year's student participation.

"An ARLE represents real-world tasks, authentic assessment, and the most meaningful collaboration found in a university setting," said Dr. Jeff Borden, the University's chief innovation officer.

Because the ARLE is intended to instruct students about the real world, those involved are very focused on making it a believable experience.

"This year...we want another level of reality; we want the students to be even more immersed in the process," said Orlando.

The Presidency has already begun, while the *Trial of the Century* begins on Sept. 27. Both students and faculty are excited to participate in the simulations.

"The ARLE is beneficial for our students, and I'm excited for another go-round this year," said Orlando. "Last year, we laid the foundation, and this year, we're hoping to take this to a new level of verisimilitude for our students. They want to improve on the fine job the group did last year, and in so doing, they are going to learn valuable and practical lessons about how campaigns work."

While students are excited for the opportunities presented in the ARLE, the faculty are also looking forward to being involved.

"I like the ARLE because it gives my students a feel for the relevance of what they're doing," said Dr. Cheryl Clauson, assistant professor of biology. "Instead of just going through the motions of the lab activity, and then writing up a report on it, they see an important endpoint of their work. If they make a mistake in a lab report, they might lose a few points here or there, but if they make a mistake with evidence in a trial, they could send an innocent person to jail [or to a mock conviction in the ARLE]."

Almost 400 people viewed the final debate in last year's ARLE, with about 200 people in physical attendance and the rest viewing from online. Those involved in the ARLE this year are hoping for an even higher turnout for this year's events.

The vice presidential debate for *The Presidency* will take place on Oct. 3 while the presidential debate will take place on Nov. 7. The *Trial of the Century* will take place on Nov. 4 and 5.

The image below of the visual disclaimer will appear on all ARLE fictional articles for the Trial of the Century, so that readers will recognize that the articles they are reading are part of the fictional story line for the ARLE.

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Science

Was Venus Once Habitable?

By Austin Chiavaroli
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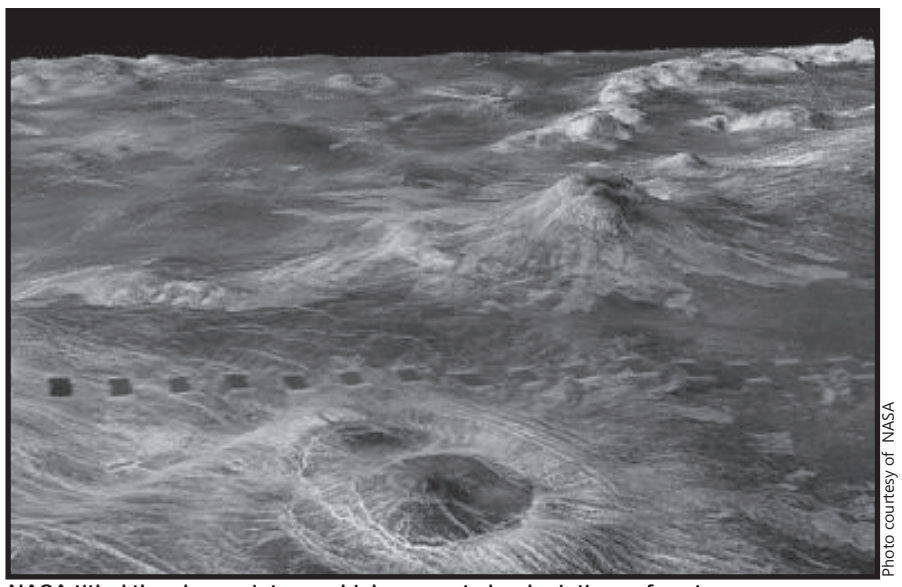
When people think about the other residing planets they might think of the inhospitable, barren lands on most of them, including our outlandishly hot neighboring planet Venus. While living on Venus sounds completely improbable, recent scientific studies have suggested that maybe, not that long ago, it might have been substantial enough to have life.

Astrophysicists at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York City formed their hypothesis of a habitable Venus by comparing the changes of Earth and Mars in their lifetimes. With the size of Venus being relatively the same as Earth, they believed that the planet might have formed with a comparable composition.

To test the hypothesis of a habitable Venus, the scientists created 3D climate situations with topographic data from the Magellan Mission that orbited Venus from the year 1990 to 1994. They also viewed orbital parameters of present-day Venus and estimated air composition to help further understand what changes could have occurred in the past. The rotation rate of the planet is what grabbed their attention as they believe this is what may have possibly caused the planet to have been once able to withhold life.

They believe that this is the key as Venus may have moved at a glacial rate in the past and could have kept an average temperature of fifteen degrees Celsius. With this temperature and the way the clouds form on the planet, they think Venus might have possibly had oceans and a temperate climate for billions of years.



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NASA titled the above picture, which seems to be depictions of craters on Venus,"Three-dimensional perspective views of Venusian Terrains composed of reduced resolution left-looking synthetic-aperture radar images merged with altimetry data from the Magellan spacecraft."

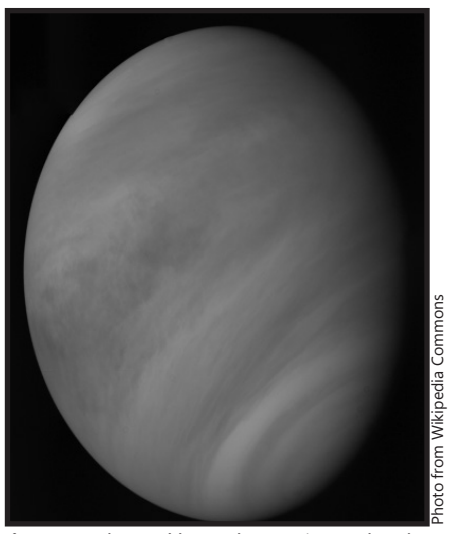
While this seems plausible chemically and astronomically, there have been many critics in the scientific community that do not agree with how the study was made.

"This is a very speculative, hypothetical paper," says Mark Bullock, a planetary scientist at Southwest Research Institute in Boulder Colorado, according to ScienceNews.org. "It doesn't prove that Venus was habitable, but the researchers do show that conditions existed under which Venus could have maintained oceans and a temperate climate for billions of years."

A lot of the conclusions that these scientists have made seem to be more assumptions than factual evidence. However, even with a lack of current and physical evidence, there are some already known facts that help with this study. For instance, cloud formations on Venus last longer than on Earth and can reflect sunlight enough to keep the planet balmy for a couple of billion years.

Our own Dr. Weatherford has a few words on the study as well. "The solar system is a dynamic place," he states. "In a billion years, Earth will be too hot due to increased solar activity for liquid water to exist on Earth's surface. Our oceans will vaporize. This study is a great example of scientists exploring questions about the past can lead to predictions for the future of our solar neighborhood."

As for this study, future tests have been prepared to go deeper into investigating this idea. NASA has even considered sending a spacecraft somewhere around the year 2020 and currently the Japanese Akatsuki probe is studying Venus' climate. This hypothesis makes some people wonder how the planets will change in a couple of million years.



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As seen above, Venus has unique cloud formations that scientists believe might be an important factor in the study of finding out if the planet may have been habitable.

Photo courtesy of NASA

The Hubble Space Telescope, which was launched in 1990, captured this image of Venus as titled by NASA "Venus Cloud Tops Viewed by Hubble."

Celebration of Life: Alexis Carrera

Alexis "Pancho" Carrera touched a lot of people on campus. Anyone who visited the Saint Leo gym on a regular basis knew him well, as well as those in his fraternity, those who had him in classes, or those who just noticed his always-smiling face around campus. Michael Goodeaux was able to speak with those who knew him closely and got the chance to look in on the many different ways he touched our hearts. To read more and see the videos, go to The Lions' Pride website.

Photo by Michael Goodeaux

National

Saint Leo Ranks Amongst Best Colleges

By Nicholas Santos
Managing Editor

Pictures from U.S. News & World Report

Saint Leo University previously ranked 71st among regional universities in the south in last year's list. The University was also recognized for having an outstanding online education program.

On Sept. 13, Saint Leo University was declared as one of the best regional universities and one of the best values in higher education in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges list. This list, created yearly, helps students and parents/guardians to decide the overall best places to attend college.

"Saint Leo University provides a terrific educational value, and we are pleased that the U.S. News & World Report's rankings recognize the quality and excellence offered by the University," said Dr. William J. Lennox Jr., president. "The rankings point to our student-centered mission, our caring faculty and staff, and our dedication to providing quality education. We will continue to progress and grow, coaching our students, and making sure they succeed."

Among regional universities in the South, Saint Leo University ranked 62nd, a considerable rise from the University's previous rank of 71st. Of all the colleges listed, Saint Leo University ranks among 385 other private institutions and, in total, 653 regional universities (including 257 public institutions and 11 non-profit institutions). All of the other colleges included in the list provide a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs (at both the master's and doctorate's levels), much like Saint Leo University. The University stood out, however, as it offers a Doctor of Business Administration degree while only few universities in the list offer any doctoral programs at all.

The University also obtained a second honor: it was considered one of the best values in both academic quality and net cost of students receiving the average level of need-based financial aid.

In January, U.S. News & Report named Saint Leo University among the best universities in its 2016 "Best Online Programs" list. Saint Leo University has had a robust online program since 1998; it was tied 43rd in the category of Best Online Programs for bachelor's degrees and tied for 56th in non-MBA graduate business programs. It was also recognized for its excellence in the MBA and graduate education online programs.

U.S. News uses a series of criteria in order to rank the universities listed. These include: freshman retention and graduation of students; peer assessment; faculty resources; student selectivity; financial resources; alumni giving; and graduation rate performance, among other things.

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Arts & Entertainment

Fun Places to Visit Around Saint Leo

By Danielle Meikle
Contributing Writer

Is it boring just staying on campus all the time? Wouldn't it be nice to get out sometimes? Well, luckily, this article can help. Here's a guide to navigating this small town and the big city not too far from here.

There are many fun things to do around Saint Leo that many people may not be aware of, especially if they are new to the area. Looking for a place to hang out with a few friends? Try Pin Chasers or Eddie's roller rink. Pin Chasers is a bowling alley located nearby in Zephyrhills. They offer bowling, dancing, and games in their mini-arcade; one may also enjoy their food and drinks. Be sure to reserve a lane online before going, in order to get the quickest service. Eddie's Roller Rink, located five minutes away in San Antonio, is only open on weekends, but is still a fun way to pass time. For those who are not into bowling or skating, there is always Xtreme Adventures, located nearby in Lutz. They have a large laser tag arena, black light bumper cars, a rock-climbing wall, and an obstacle course based on the TV show "American Ninja Warrior." For more of an adventure, try Treehoppers Aerial Adventure Park which allows visitors to work their way through different obstacles and zip line through the forests connected by cable and rope. The obstacles vary in difficulty and challenge physical fitness.

There are also a number of movie theatres in the area. Muvico Starlight 20 is about twenty five minutes away. Even closer along the I-75, is Cobb Theatre, a more upscale cinema, and for persons over 21, they offer a dine-in bistro during their films. Both theatres offer student discounts, so check them out.

Go out to eat at the numerous restaurants nearby like Koizi Endless Hibachi & Sushi Eatery for Asian-inspired dishes, Pancho's Villa for Mexican food, Doc's Pub & Grille, and On Q Smokehouse grill, for traditional American and barbeque dishes. There are also chain restaurants nearby like IHOP, Denny's, and Golden Corral.

Looking to really venture out? Then, Tampa is the best bet. This major city is located about thirty minutes from campus and has a wide variety of interesting things to do that can suit everyone.

Grab a group of friends and head to the mall for a day of fun. There are tons of malls between Saint Leo and Tampa, each offering a unique experience and set of stores. A popular mall for Saint Leo students is the Shoppes at Wiregrass, mostly because of its close proximity. Wiregrass is an open air mall with shops ranging from retail stores like Forever21 and PacSun to department stores like JC Penney and Macys. As for dining, there are fast food restaurants like Moe's Southwest Grill and Charley's Philly Steaks, and

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Ybor City is one of the only two national historic landmark districts in Florida.

dine-in restaurants like Pincher's Crab Shack. There are also pagodas set up that do phone repairs and sell street food and other items. Another favorite is University Mall, located nearby the University of South Florida. It has about 165 stores which are similar to the ones located at Wiregrass. On the higher end are International Plaza and the newly built Tampa Premium Outlets. International Plaza and Bay Street is a large upscale shopping mall located nearby the Tampa International Airport. It features retail stores such as Burberry, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, and department stores such as Dillard's and Neiman Marcus. There are other stores such as Sephora, Apple, Toni & Guy, Auto Spa America, and the Disney Store. For dining, there is a food court that contains restaurants like Chick-fil-A and Chipotle, but there are also dine-in restaurants like the Cheesecake Factory, and California Pizza Kitchen. At the Tampa Premium Outlets, located in Wesley Chapel, shoppers can enjoy over 110 shops including, Coach, J. Crew, Nike, Michael Kors, Saks Fifth Avenue, Forever 21 and Papaya. Visit the food court to enjoy tasty options from Green Leaf's Beyond Great, Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen and Johnny Rockets. Lastly are the Westfield malls, located in Brandon and Tampa. They are both close by and feature a mixture of stores in the malls already mentioned. This includes Aeropostale, Aerie, Bath & Body Works, Charlotte Russe, H&M, Candy Barrel, and Express. For dining, they have Auntie Annies, Chick-fil-A, Cheesecake Factory, and Red Robin.

After the mall head out to a concert, as Tampa is a major stop on many artists' tours. Tampa has been visited by acts like Kanye West, Rihanna, Beyoncé, Elle Goulding, and Toby Keith. The concerts are usually held in one of three places. They are the Amalie Arena, the Orpheum, or the Ruth Eckard Hall, all of which are about 40 minutes away from campus. Try spending a night on the town in Ybor City, which is also a major historical site. This small city features old world architecture and flair with a twist. There are many restaurants, night club and resting areas around the city, just park and explore. At night, the city is lit by dangling lights all around and comes alive with music and people.

For history and museum lovers, try visiting the Museum of Science & Industry. The museum features more than 450 interactive exhibits on topics such as space and astronomy, technology, robotics, gaming and more. Ride in the Meridian Shuttle, a completely driverless, electric vehicle, as it attempts to pass the Florida licensing test. Fly, drive or dive drones in the air, on land, or in water. There is also a ropes course and zip line which takes riders on an adrenaline-fueled adventure.

Like adventure? Then visit one of Tampa's arcades or theme parks. Grand Prix is family fun center where visitors can play miniature golf, go go-karting on three different tracks, climb a ropes course, or play over 50 different games in their arcade. They are reasonably priced and offer fun activities both inside and outside. As for theme parks, there is Busch Gardens and Adventure Island. Adventure Island is a water park that allows visitors to enjoy slides, pools, and fun in the sand. Busch Gardens offers a unique blend of world-class roller coasters, live shows and interactions with more than 12,000 animals.

Into animals? Well there are many opportunities for animal lovers to visit and interact more closely with them. Visit the Florida Aquarium, one of the major attractions in the area. The aquarium hosts about 20,000 aquatic organisms ranging from frisky river otters to terrifying sharks. Some exhibits allow direct interactions between animals like bamboo sharks and sea stars. They also offer shows that are both entertaining and educational at the same time. Some shows include an interactive coral reef show and up-close animal tours. There is also the Lowry Park Zoo that house about 1,200 animals. They offer a unique experience that allows visitors to go behind-the-scenes and check out the inner workings of a zoo. There is also Big Cat Rescue, a sanctuary dedicated to big cats that have been abused and abandoned. They have about eighty big cats including lions, tigers, bobcats, cougars and other species. Some of the cats were rescued from being turned into fur coats, or retired from performing acts. Lastly, there is River Ventures where people get to swim and snorkel with manatees. There are also airboat and paddle tours for person who do not want to swim.

Despite the distance and long drive, there are other cities that offer fun things to do like St. Petersburg, a coastal city that has many beaches and more museums, and Orlando, home of the Orlando Magic basketball team and Disney and Universal theme parks.

Lastly, an important fact all Saint Leo students should know, the Campus Activities Board provides opportunities to take trips like these and much more. Just visit saintleotickets.com to buy tickets for events. The event changes every month and the ticket prices range from free to up to fifteen dollars, depending on the popularity of the event. So, there should be no reason to be bored on campus when the world is out there waiting to be explored and there are assignments to do.

Upcoming Events

Tampa:
Preserving Eden:
Clyde Butcher's Florida Photographs

Date:
9/3/16-1/8/17: 10A.M-5P.M.

Location:
801 Old Water St
Tampa, FL 33602

Contact:
Tampa Bay History Center:
813-228-0097

Price:
$11 for students, $13 for general admission

Description:
The Tampa Bay History Center will be hosting a collection of Clyde Butcher's nature photgraphy, which documents a wide array of Floridian environments. Butcher has been photographing Florida since the early 80s.

The Illusionists

Date:
9/23/16-9/25/16

Location:
The Straz Center, Morsani Hall

Price:
Starting at $35

Description:
The Illusionists are a modern stage magic experience. They combine classic magical performance with modern gadgets and flair. They have performed on Broadway, as well as throughout the rest of the United States.

Arts & Entertainment

A Composer and a Rock Band

By Jonah Robertson
Editor-in-Chief

There are very few bands in the modern rock scene that are as accomplished as The Dear Hunter. For a relatively unknown rock band from Rhode Island, they have an incredibly avid fan base, they feature a full orchestra in much of their work, have released seven studio albums, including a two and a half hour long piece intended to interpret the color spectrum in sound instead of visuals, and the singer, Casey Crescenzo, has composed a symphony that debuted at #1 on the classical charts in 2014. With their most recent release, titled Act V: Hymns With The Devil In Confessional, the band has managed to continue their streak of truly exceptional releases.

Most of The Dear Hunter's albums follow the story of an eponymous character at the beginning of the 20th century, as he progresses through his life. Act V is the fifth of six planned albums that follow this tale, and takes on a more somber tone as it follows the main character confronting various demons in his life.

The album begins on a quiet note, with the minute-long intro track "Regress." This track opens softly, focusing on the orchestral elements of the band as well as Crescenzo's soaring tenor vocals. It quickly transitions into "The Moon/Awake," which is a faster song, though it continues the more orchestral themes, which are incredibly prominent in Act V.

The album continues to pick up speed with "Cascade," one of the best songs on the album. The band's rock elements are highlighted in conjunction with the orchestration, and Crescenzo's vocals soar above it all, tying the entire song together perfectly.

"The Most Cursed of Hands/Who Am I" continues this excellence. The song itself plays with many elements of folk music, including using a banjo in conjunction with the guitar, before culminating in an intense finale featuring some of the album's best singing mixed over dueling guitar and banjo.

"The Revival" was one of the singles released with the album, and plays more like a traditional rock song, though the ending shifts back into the band's usual style, still featuring the orchestra. The song is driven primarily by Crescenzo's vocals and a strong bass line from Nick Sollecito. The song leads right into "Melpomene," a much softer song, highlighted by the orchestra's string and woodwind sections. Crescenzo's vocals are, as always, beautiful, but the instrumentation in this particular song is what makes it truly beautiful.

One of the oddest songs on the album is "Mr. Usher (On His Way To Town)," which feels more like a swing song out of the 1940s than it does a modern rock song, although it does still have some rock flourishes, like some guitar licks at the end of every verse, a synthesizer behind the bridge, and a guitar solo near the end.

Following this oddity is "The Haves Have Naught". This song highlights the more theatrical elements of The Dear Hunter, as Crescenzo's vocal performance feels like it belongs on a broadway stage, and the orchestra accompanies him with a more traditionally classical backdrop.

"Light" was the final single released before the album. It is the closest that the album comes to a traditional soft- rock song. It's driven by a single soft guitar, and the vocals are more muted and less theatrical than many of the other tracks. It is, however, one of the more lyrically emotional tracks, and to simply see it as the "safe" song on the album would be doing it a disservice.

"Gloria" was the first single released, and is on of the more underwhelming songs on the album. It feels like traditional The Dear Hunter, and really does not do much to amaze, although there are a couple strong vocal moments on the album.

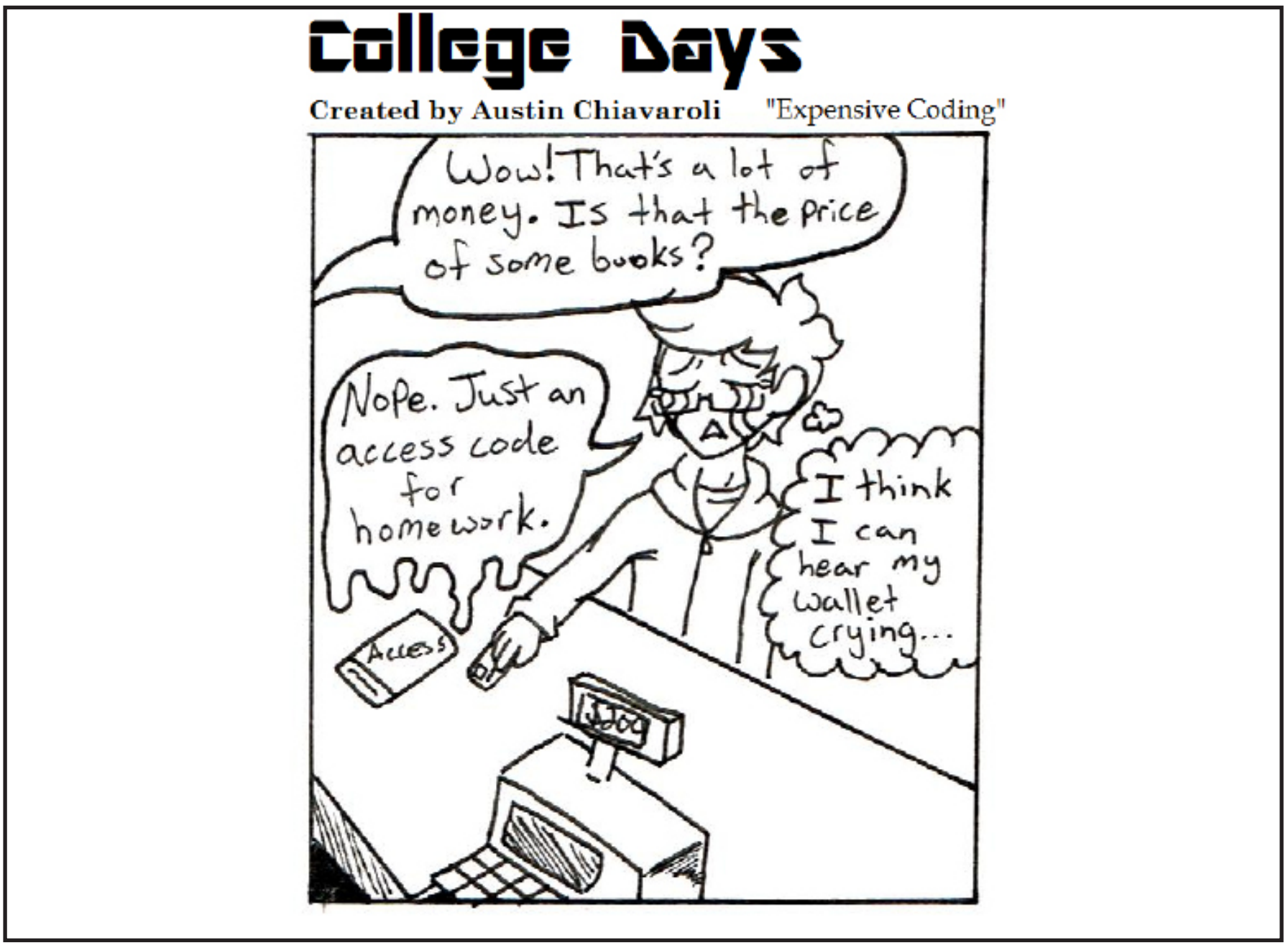
"The Flame (Is Gone)" and "The Fire (Remains)" form a small suite near the end of the album. While technically two separate songs, they feel like they are meant to flow together, and both feature swooping instrumentals supplemented by some of Crescenzo's best vocals on the album.

"The March" is another odd song, featuring a very rhytmic drum and bass line throughout, as well as a hammer dulcimer, and some more theatrical vocals from Crescenzo. Although undoubtedly an odd song, even for this album, "The March" is also one of the best, with a beat that is particularly easy to bob one's head to. It also contains a brief homage to "The Old Haunt," a song from their previous album "Act IV: Rebirth In Reprise."

"Blood" starts off incredibly slow, but alternates between some of the softest music on the album, and some of the most intense, with Crescenzo crooning out soft verses, and then belting out bridges between them.

The album comes to a close with "A Beginning." The song is a fitting conclusion, as it is a strong performance from the band, and sticks close to their usual sound. Even though the album is full of musical experimentation, the closing song shows that The Dear Hunter can still create wonderful music in their original style.

Though not their best album, as that honor goes to "The Color Spectrum," "Act V: Hymns With The Devil In Confessional" is an incredibly strong showing from The Dear Hunter, and speaks of great things to come if the band continues in this direction. I would give the album a 4.5/5.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Sports

Men's Soccer SSC Season Opener

By Niclas Bez
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To open their season games for the Sunshine State Conference, the Saint Leo men's soccer team travelled to St. Petersburg to play Eckerd College. Last year, the Lions were able to win the regular season SSC Championship and beat Eckerd on their way to the NCAA Regional play, where they fell short to Rollins College.

For this year, Head Coach Keith Fulk added many new players in all positions to improve the team even more. After having multiple injury problems in the last year, the team is trying to get a broader selection of high class players to be ready for any other team.

One of the key players to look out for is Matthias Katerna, a senior who scored nine goals last year while having four assists. He is supported by the Lions' strong midfield.

This worked out well when the Lions opened their season with an opening tournament, in which they beat the nationally ranked Young Harris College. After the successful start, the team moved on to place ninth in the national rankings.

However, Eckerd had not been beaten yet in the current season with four consecutive wins in the last four games. All the games were played on their home field and they also used this advantage against the Saint Leo Lions.

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Eckerd College is located in St. Petersburg, FL and is home to the Tritons, the soccer team that the Lions played against.

In the first half, Eckerd's Robert Labus scored to give the Tritons a lead. In the second half, the Lions were not able to control Eckerd, who scored two more times against the Saint Leo Lions. Even four saves from the goalkeeper James White couldn't prevent the 3-0 loss to the Tritons who now have five straight wins.

The Lions had five shots on the goal by Joaquin Peluffo, Matthias Katerna, Marcelo Casas, and Keisuke Ohata, but Eckerd's goalkeeper was able to save all shots.

The game was definitely not what the Lions expected to start their regular season. They showed their strength in the opening tournament and have to bring that confidence back on the field. In a strong Conference with four nationally ranked teams, there are no easy games and the Lions will have to play at their best to repeat their Conference Championship.

The Lions' Pride will keep you updated as the Lions continue their season.

Upcoming Games For the Week of 9/23/16 - 9/30/16

M Cross Country

9/24: @ UF Mountain Dew Invite
7:55 am

W Cross Country

9/24: @ UF Mountain Dew Invite
8:30 am

Volleyball

9/23: Vs Rollins 7:00 pm
9/24: Vs Embry-Riddle 4:00 pm
9/27: @ Eckerd 7:00 pm

M Soccer

9/24: @ Barry 6:00 pm
9/28: Vs Rollins 7:00 pm

W Soccer

9/24: Vs Barry 7:00 pm
9/28: @ Rollins 7:00 pm

W Golf

9/24: @ Old South
9/25: @ Old South

High Hopes for Women's Soccer this Season

By Ethan Lichtenberg
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With the new season underway, Saint Leo University's Women's Soccer team is overwhelmed with excitement.

After their disappointing loss to the University of Tampa in the Quarterfinals of last year's SSC tournament, they are hoping not only to get revenge on UT but also to make history.

Their 7-8-2 overall record is not what Head Coach Ged O'Connor expected, but he stayed upbeat about this season.

"We have a large upperclassmen class who are helping to lead by example but the biggest improvement over last year is the mentality, the mindsets, and the determination that the players have to focus on the little things on a daily basis," O'Connor said.

He hopes the new and improved 2016 Lions will bring back some hardware to show off. He hopes to continually push the players to make them more accountable people both on the field and in the classroom.

"We want to excel first and foremost in the classroom just like we did in spring with a team GPA of 3.2," said O'Connor.

Some of the returning players O'Connor spoke of were disappointed with the outcome of the previous season as well. However, they were optimistic for the new season. Dislike for the Spartans over in Tampa runs deep in the Lions; this being said, all of the Women's Soccer team is looking to give them a taste of their own medicine.

Cassidy Place, a redshirt sophomore from Sunlake, FL, is a key defenseman for the Lions. After having a great freshman year, playing in 13 games and starting nine of those, she was unable to compete this past year due to tearing her ACL and Meniscus. Her knee is fully recovered and feeling good, but it was difficult not being able to play her second year after a successful first year.

"It was extremely difficult, but my teammates who played in my position did an unbelievable job," Place said.

Arielle Kabangu, a senior from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, is arguably the best player in all of Division II women's soccer. She is a two-time DII All-American, Freshman of the year in 2013, and a pick for the All SSC First Team every year she has played.

As the leader on the field for the Lions, she prepares off the field to perform at such a high-level year after year. "It's really about working hard day in and day out, and trusting my teammates to set me up," Kabangu said.

Another long time Lion great, senior Genevieve Gignac, also from Ottawa, Canada, has played in 57 matches starting in all but one in her previous three years, making her one of the most consistent Lions on the field.

She hopes to pass that longevity down to the younger players.

"I simply lead by example and in most cases they follow the lead," Genevieve said. "It should be a long and successful season."

Only time will tell if the midfielder is right about her expectations, but it is certain that she, Kabangu, Place, and the rest of the Lions are working hard to bring pride to the pride.